

HOLY CROSS PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Time: 9:30 a.m.

Date: November 5, 2023

Minutes approved: Sunday, March 3, 2024

Open with prayer: Romero Prayer

Present: Maureen Joy, Kerry L. Mess, Matthew Tabone, Jenna Turner, Carol Tyson, Marguerite Webster,
Jen Spivey, Betty and John O'Brien

Absent: Dana Mockovciak (out of town), Mike Stensland

I. Last meeting: Approval of minutes for October 10, 2023 – **needs to be done!**

II. Meeting Items

A. Parish Logistics

1. How do we want to publish Parish Pastoral Council meeting minutes?

Put on website. Include in bulletin how to reach website. Send out via parish email group from parish email account (need to create an email group).

2. Parish @gmail.com account: Who is monitoring? Do we need to split up among a group?

holycrossrcchurch@gmail.com; password: [lcandoallthingsthroughChrist](#) – **Need to verify through Matthew's phone.**

1st week: Jen Spivey, Kerry

2nd week: John and Betty O'Brien

3rd week: Jenna Turner

4th week: Marguerite Webster

5th week: Matthew Tabone

3. Mass count system 51 (11/5)

Count everyone, including babies

Joe Tyson, Mike Stensland, John O'Brien

4. Parish calendar? (2024 – too late?)

Tabled

B. Parish Survey work

III. New Business?

Parish constitution (we also have by-laws): Need review. Kerry will contact the diocese before the December meeting to determine what is required or what parameters exist for revising/shaping in light of new vision (and results of survey?)

Need to look at registration form: What needs to be on the form?

Matthew Tabone and John O'Brien will take a look.

Marguerite: greeter, lector, eucharistic minister,

Joe Tyson: usher, gift bearers

Bulletin: all welcome to Sunday school; if you are interested in what's happening

HOLY CROSS PARISH SURVEY

Name: _____

The Parish Pastoral Council has come up with the following vision for Holy Cross Parish:
A welcoming, vibrant community committed to growing in and sharing the love of Jesus

In what ways can Holy Cross Parish better bring Jesus to our community? _____

Sex: Male Female

Age: under 18 18-35 36-54 55-70 over 70

Marital status: single married separated divorced widowed

How many persons are in your household, and what are their ages: _____

Is there someone in your household who needs special consideration? Yes No

Years with the Parish: _____

Have you registered with the Parish? Yes No Not sure

How often do you attend Mass at Holy Cross: Weekly 1-3 times/mo. Less than once/mo.

Do you attend: seasonally all year

What talents are you willing to share with the parish? **Circle ALL that apply.**

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| Greeter (before mass) | Bearer of the cup | Catechist (Religious ed) |
| Lector | Usher (during, after mass) | Groundskeeping (grass / snow) |
| Eucharistic minister | Music (vocal / instrumental) | Church cleaning |
| | | Homebound ministry |

Where or what are you volunteering for in the community if anything? _____

What activities/events are you interested in participating in with the parish? **Circle ALL that apply.**

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| Parish rosary/prayer group | Book study | Parish service project |
| Holy Hour | Bible study | Ecumenical activities |
| Parish movie/discussion nights | Community meal | Pilgrimages |

What days and times are preferable? _____

Are you adverse to traveling in the dark? Yes No

Are you willing to carpool, picking up people who do not drive at night?

Yes No

Do you read the Parish bulletin: Yes No, why not _____

Please rate the following statements: 1 – no (never) 5 – yes, all the time

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| There are effective lines of communication within the Parish. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| I feel connected to our Church community. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| There is an overall sense of teamwork and cooperation in the Parish. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Newcomers to the Parish feel welcomed. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Parishioners are encouraged to become involved in Parish activities. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| I would be interested in becoming more active in Parish social activities. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| I would volunteer to help get programs established. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| I would attend non-denominational activities with other churches. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| I have adequate access to the spiritual leader of the Parish. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| I am satisfied with the level of involvement of the youth in our Parish. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |

In summary, my overall experience at Holy Cross Parish is: _____

Parish strengths: _____

Parish concerns or areas for improvement: _____

Would like a member of the Parish Pastoral Council to contact you about your ideas? Yes No

If yes, please include the best phone number and best times to reach you. _____

PLEASE RETURN COMPLETED SURVEYS **BY NOVEMBER 26, 2023**

TO THE BOX ON THE TABLE IN THE REAR OF THE CHURCH.